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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SANDHU ET AL.

Examiner

KHAI TRAN

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE two MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Claims 1, line 7, the term "the upper triangular matrix," (second occurrence) should be deleted, as set forth in claim 14, lines 7-8; lines 13-14 of claim 22; line 9 of claim 27.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-33 are allowed.

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: none of the prior art of the record discloses or suggests that a spatial decoupler or a method comprising: a decomposer to perform a decomposition on a channel estimate matrix to generate a unitary orthogonal matrix and an upper triangular matrix; a multiplier to multiply received complex signals by a conjugate transpose of the unitary orthogonal matrix to generate a z-vector; and a transmitted signal estimator to estimate transmitted complex signal components of a multi-carrier signal from the upper triangular matrix, and components of the z vector as recited in claims 1, 14, 22, and 27.

**Conclusion**

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Shimizu (US 2002/0136328 A1) discloses signal separation method and apparatus for restoring original signal from observed data.

Mirbaha et al (US 2004/0185786 A1) disclose a quality of service predictor for and advanced mobile devices.

Ketchum et al (US 2007/0086536 A1) disclose channel estimation and spatial processing for TDD MOMO systems.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KHAI TRAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-3019. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JAY PATEL can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

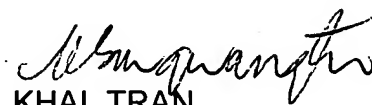
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